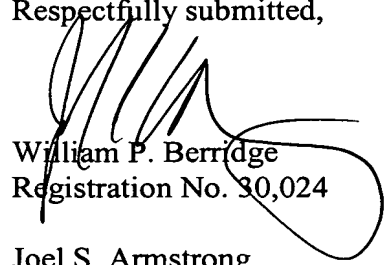


**REMARKS**

Claims 1 - 8 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1 - 7 are amended. Claim 8 is added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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